

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Office Action of Aug. 8, 2007.

Claims 21 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) over Takeuma (US 6,527,861) in view of Sakamoto et al. (6,382,849). This rejection is traversed.

The applicants traverse the rejection, however, in order to expedite the allowance of the pending claims, the applicants have elected cancel the only rejected claim, which is claim 21. The cancellation of this claim, however, should not be construed as agreement with the office that the newly found art does indeed teach any of the features. To the contrary, the Applicants have elected to make such cancellation to allow opportunity to review the cited art and file a continuation application directed to the same or similar scope at a later time, if so desired.

If the Examiner wishes to discuss the remarks or needs clarification on any point, the Examiner is kindly urged to contact the undersigned by phone at (408) 749-6903.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If any other fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No LAM2P475). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
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